Jimmy and Ann Alexander

It's hard to imagine a Mississippi without people like Jimmy and Ann Alexander.

Their contributions to the Meridian and East Mississippi economy have been enormous and their contributions to educational and charitable organizations have helped send students to college and fill critical needs for people in their community.

They've also been great role models for people across the state; they have successfully tended to their business interests and willingly put into practice their concept of what good citizenship is all about.

As Governor, it's my pleasure to take part in tonight's well-deserved recognition of Jimmy and Ann by the Meridian Community College Foundation. These are fine folks who make Mississippi better by being true Mississippians, and by sharing with others what really matters in life.

Jimmy and Ann, I want you to know Marsha and I applaud the things you've done to make your city and our state the best they can be. We appreciate your generosity, value your friendship and wish for you the very best in the years ahead. Congratulations on this tremendous honor, and thank you for letting me be part of it.